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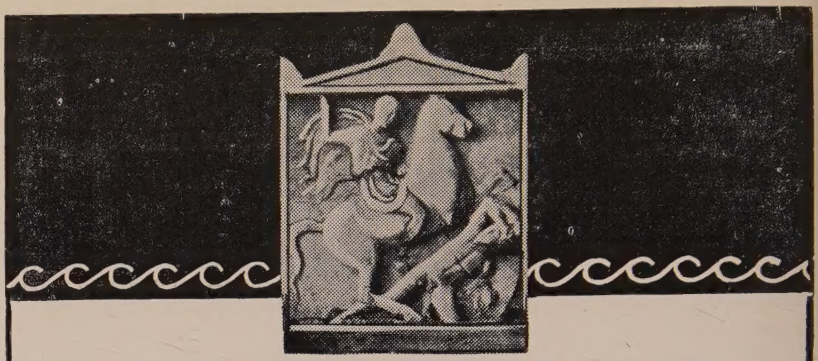

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CHRISTMAS IN THE PEOPLES CHURCH

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The church is preparing the most beautiful, inspiring and attractive Christmas in all of its history. Beginning with the Children's Party, held by the Church School on Friday evening, December 22nd, in Channing Hall, the activities will extend over the Christmas week. The annual Christmas Children's Party is always an interesting event, a Christmas tree is provided and each child receives a gift. Santa Claus is always a most welcome visitor on this occasion.

On Christmas Sunday, December 24th, we will hold a beautiful morning service at 11:00 o'clock in which the Chorus Choir of 65 voices directed by Mr. Abernethy and with Mr. Jorgensen at the organ, will sing an especially prepared Christmas musical program. Dr. Bradley will preach the sermon and then our annual Candlelight service will be held that evening at 7:30 o'clock. This service is one of the most brilliant of the whole year and thousands attend. The service will begin at 7:30 promptly and will be repeated at 9:00 o'clock the same evening, so if you do not find it convenient to attend the 7:30 service plan to attend the 9 o'clock service. The Uptown Players of the Church will present the magnificent pageant and play "O, Come Let Us Adore Him" at both of the services on Christmas Sunday evening.

Christmas morning, Dec. 25th, at 11:00 o'clock, will be held our usual Christmas Day service. This service will begin at 11:00 o'clock and be dismissed promptly at noon. Dr. Bradley will preach and it will be, as always, a service of inspiration and of beauty. And then on Christmas night at 8:00 o'clock, the Candle-light service will be repeated again and the pageant "O, Come, Let Us Adore Him" will be presented for the third time. Let us all co-operate in making our Christmas this year a Christmas of good cheer and love and tolerance to all people of every creed and faith. Last year the Church was able to give Christmas dinners to over a thousand; this year the need is still greater and we hope to be able to feed 1,500 people on Christmas day. The Christmas letters will go out to our membership and to our radio friends early in December and we hope that all will respond to the very best of their ability. Our Church does not emphasize merely giving one meal a year to the worthy poor but we do a prolonged philanthropy over the entire year.

Will you kindly bear in mind all of these events and plan to spend as many of them as you can in the atmosphere of our Church? Christmas means more today than ever before and let us do our part in spreading the gospel of good will and the hope of peace everywhere.

—P. B.

"THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR"

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By Grace T. Bradley

The best illustration of the hard-to-explain assertion of Paul "Faith is the substance of things hoped for" is found, I believe, in the little ones at Christmas time. In the modern vernacular " they've got something." We grown-ups once had it! Is there a child so poor and forlorn she or he does not hug secret thoughts about what Santa Claus might bring them? Little girls with blue, pinched faces, in frayed out clothes, the toes of their little shoes worn through, stand at great plate glass store windows looking at dolls of every size with blue eyes and yellow curls and rosy smiling faces, dressed in silk gowns, feathered hats and velvet cloaks, and tingle as they send out the "wish" to Santa Claus for the largest doll there! Small boys shivering in thin, patched clothing, press their noses against the windows displaying costly electric trains, dancing bears, expensive bicycles and every other tempting and ingenuous thing to fill a boy's heart with longing to possess it. Santa Claus might bring them their heart's desire this Christmas even if he did forget to come to their home last year! And so they are warmed with hope.

As we grow older we love to retrace our steps and re-live the Christmasses we have had—those precious landmarks along the Happy Road that leads to Christmas Hill. In most any home in that lull after the excitement of opening presents around the lovely tree, and the turkey and plum pudding have been enjoyed, the family gathers around the fireplace and for each one different pictures take shape in the burning birch logs. Soon Mother smiles and says : "Do you remember, dear, that Christmas we gave Jimmie his first bicycle and he wanted to go out and try to ride it in the blizzard that was raging? Mary was a tiny baby then." - - - - -" Then Uncle Ben says: "I remember the Christmas I gave Jim the electric railway system and you (to Dad) and I fooled around with it nearly all day — till the boy whispered to Grandma asking if Santa Claus had brought the train to Uncle Ben, or did Uncle Ben give it to Daddy, anyway, he wished they'd let him play too!" "Say don't you ever believe I've forgotten that either", says Jim, now the proud father of a boy having his first Christmas. "When my boy is old enough to have a train, he's going to be the one to play with it on Christmas day! Of course I'll show him how to put the tracks together, and how the switches are turned, and the little lights come on - - - - - say, Mom, whatever became of my electric train—didn't you put it away in the attic—do you suppose I could find it?" "My word, how the years slip by, it doesn't seem any time since I used to call for you, my dear, in my father's sleigh with the black horse and the silver sleigh-bells, to go to the Sunday School Christmas party. You young ones don't know the thrill to the music of sleigh-bells — probably never heard one." Dad chuckles as he looks at Mother and reaches over to pat her hand lovingly. "Remember the first Christmas present I gave you? 'Twas a book, I guess, wasn't it, and I kissed you under the mistletoe - - -?" The family laughed and Mother's eyes sparkled with remembrance! Mary holding her tiny baby very much as she used to cuddle her Christmas doll, tells of the saddest Christmas she ever knew, the one when a big girls at school told her Santa Claus was a fairy story! Oh, it seemed as though the bot-

tom had dropped out of everything—but father and mother had emerged from the tragedy and life started anew. The next year she planned like grown-ups to shop for Christmas gifts, and doing for others, with fewer "wishes" for herself, assisted with the Church entertainment and helped Mother put the holly wreaths in the windows. She had turned a bend in the Road, but it was still the Happy Road leading to Christmas Hill. From now on through the years she would count the Milestones of Memory ever more lovingly. From the time Santa Claus lived at the North pole and drove a red sleigh with reindeer, and she **knew** he could come down the chimney and fill the stockings and leave the presents,—to those wonderful vacations home from school for the holidays with all of their festivity. Does anyone ever forget that awed and almost holy moment when our elders drew back the double doors to the parlor (it's a living room now) and there you beheld the glittering, gorgeous tree— candle lighted — the most beautiful thing you ever dreamed of seeing! No up-to-date electric Christmas tree lights can ever give the effect produced by those dozens of small flickering candles, dangerous though they were.

Isn't it fine that once a year we have this Season of Remembrance when for a little while we can avoid the rough places and sad experiences, and be a child again? When we can do the little kindly things to brighten other lives? When we can follow the Happy Road, stopping at the milestones to be reminiscent? Ah, verily, the Main Street of Christmas is Memory Lane, gently winding up the hill till we reach the peak, there we can watch for the star, and when we find it let the rays shine right into our hearts that we may feel again "Faith is the substance of things hoped for" and the greatest hope of the world is for "PEACE ON EARTH — GOOD WILL TO MEN."

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Meditation

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"Infinite Heart, we would open our minds and open our hearts, may we become teachable this morning; may we become teachable! We have left outside all of the things which have occupied so much of our time and attention during the past week and reverently and with dignity we now take down the shutters from our hearts and the blinds from our eyes, wilt Thou teach us, and wilt Thou be patient in our ignorance until our minds and hearts do become sufficiently sensitive to the divine light that we can understand better than we do. So our prayer today is a very simple one, may we be teachable. May every heart-broken life, every body racked with pain, every life disillusioned and sad, everybody that is finding life a very difficult experience, all of our young people, our elderly people, everyone now attuned to this deep, deep prayer of being teachable, and may we in the unity of that common desire find the answer to it in the model prayer, that every heart and every life can be transformed and changed when that prayer becomes a reality. We pray, and may not the familiarity of the words disturb the divinity of its message:
'Our Father, who art in heaven", etc.

"A SPIRITUAL BLACKOUT"

Sermon by Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor of The Peoples Church of Chicago, November 5, 1939

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"Every upheaval which the nations have had during the past, and particularly this nation, has resulted in adding to our speech certain words that have certain connotations that are always identified with certain events or certain conditions. We could begin with the Revolutionary War and could show how that war added certain words to our vocabulary that described with accuracy certain conditions. We could also find the war of 1812 made a contribution, and the Civil War, to a greater extent than probably any except the Great War, and then we could pause at the Spanish-American War, but probably the two words around which center certain fundamental ideas or changes or developments of the technique and habits and customs of people are, first, the word 'camouflage' which became very much a part of our speech during that war, and the other one was the word that was then introduced for the first time in America, the word 'propaganda.' These two words stand out as distinct contributions of that great war, but there is another word that has now come out of the recent present war, and the word is a direct product of certain techniques on the part of nations who are at war, and that is the word 'blackout' and this word shall take its place along with camouflage and along with propaganda and myriads of other words that we might mention.

Now, I want to take this word this morning and take it out of the environment in which it was produced and apply it to a far different area of human interest, the word 'blackout.' I do not think that it is necessary to spend any of your time or my energy in talking to you about what the word 'blackout' means — you all read the press and you listen to the radio and you are quite as familiar as I am with the reason for the experience, which the word implies, becoming necessary, but I suppose there are very few of you, there might be some in the congregation this morning and there may be some listening, who have ever had a physical experience with a blackout situation. I happen to have had that experience. I came back from Europe on a steamer which practiced the blackout immediately after it left the port of Southampton and all the way across the sea when night fell that ship had a blackout. The port holes were all painted black, the ship itself was gray and toned down, no light whatever was showing on the ship, no navigation lights were visible, and no one was permitted to step out on the deck of the steamer and strike a match or with a lighted cigar or cigarette; no lights at all were shown upon the decks of that steamer. I stood more than one night as a passenger out in the bow, where I like to ride, and saw that ship zigzag its way across the ocean, out there alone with the stars and sometimes only the scudding clouds of fluffy beauty sweeping across the face of the hidden moon, and nothing but the rhythm of the rise and fall of the ship and the throb of the ship's heart as the motors turned the ship's propellers, and realizing that everything which had been devised by man for the safety of those at sea in regard to light was being practiced. Quite true, the life-boats which swung from the rafts on the upper hurricane deck were free, quite true that ship was perfectly balanced to a point of view of every person on it

knowing just what to do in the event of an emergency, quite true that all these things and measures for the safety of the passenger and the crew were all definitely practiced, and carefully so, but we were without light, and that ship sailed the blackest of nights without a solitary light, and the possibilities of thinking of that as a synonym of humanity without light, this world without light, came to my mind.

Not long before in the City of London, and in the City of Paris, and in the City of Berlin, during that awful summer I knew what a blackout meant, it was to go into my hotel and have the servants in that hotel come into your room to see that the blinds were properly fastened and to warn you that no one was to leave or come and there should be no light whatever, of any kind, on the street, a blackout of a city, and to see those same cities with their parks of exquisite loveliness being turned into ghastly pulsating arteries where men and women burrowed themselves into the earth like animals, and to see them upon the streets in those ghastly, ghastly gasmasks! If there is anything that completley changes a human being into a gnome, it is a gasmask, it makes an individual positively look inhuman! It is almost indescribable! You have seen it in the photogravures, you are all familiar with what I mean, but I saw little children drilling with their gasmasks on in Hyde Park and they looked like little gnomes, little fiends, and I stood and looked at them, and then as night deepened the blackout came and every ear would be strained to hear the faintest intimations that might evidence the whir of a motor—BLACKOUT! And I thought here is a synonym for our civilization. I wondered what degeneracy has taken place in the heart and mind of humanity. I look at the headlines of the day, I listen to the speeches from across the sea on my short wave set, I follow the debates of a Congress, I try to hear, sometimes, the cries of persecuted, hurt and scarred human beings, not one race, not one side or the other, all races, all sides, and I ask myself the question, and I am asking it repeatedly these days, 'What is back of this spiritual blackout that has settled down upon the earth? What is the matter with us? What is the matter with every nation of the world?' No nation is free from guilt, not a one; no nation in this war has wholly clean hands, not a nation, what is it that has happened, really happened?

O, I know the economists can discuss the economic relationship to war; I know the politicians, the scientists, and social philosophers are very facile with phrase after phrase which sound erudite and profound in the discussion of causes. I know that the emotionalists and the sentimentalists can leap with alacrity to an interpretation based upon the animosities, injustices and persecutions of men, I understand all these superficial discussions, and so do you. I am not asking for that this morning in the seriousness of a religious hour as the explanation, I have got to go deeper than this surface of things, I cannot be satisfied with your materialistic interpretations of economic determinism as being the only imperative which decides the destinies of nations and of men, I have got to go even beyond the monstrosities that now speak with such authority evidencing warped personalities, sick souls and sick wills. I have even got to go back of all that. Dare I? Dare I say to you at the fear of being misunderstood and mis-interpreted and deeply criticized, just what I do feel in the background of it all, this something that has happened to the moral structure of man, man who predicates so much? He has really done very well, you know, in this world. Beginning with his lowly origin man, through the whole process of evolution, has given evidence of a great po-

tentiality; he has done rather well with this heart of his and this brain of his, there have been great moments for which he is responsible, great hours of human history! There was a great moment 500 years before the birth of the great teacher that is identified in the history of the race by the phrase 'The Golden Age of Greece', that was a great moment in the life of man, and when Pheidias held the chisel and as a result of his genius he took a piece of cold Athenian marble and by his skill and genius it became a breathing, living soul, and great sculpture came, a great moment! It was a great moment in the play-world of man when the great dramatist Aristophanes saw the foibles of humanity and wrote his great Greek comedies, and then the tragedies came into being and man saw, reflected against the impact of his own life, himself in miniature upon the contemporary stage of Grecian beauty. It was a great moment in the creation of man's intellectual integrities when Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, out of the majesty of man's mental reverberations, should coordinate, systematize a program of man's thinking so that man need not become the servant to be controlled by his animism of mere speech that identified him from the animals of the fields and the beasts of the forests, it was a great moment for man when Socrates said: 'I think, therefore I am.' It was a golden hour when this brain and this heart of man gave evidence that they were synchronized to the eternal Heart of a continuing creativeness and an unending inspiration, when man could take this mind of his and tackle every difficult, dark, secret cavern of the world's ignorance and say to the law of gravitation, 'I laugh at you for I build myself wings!' A great moment it was in the life of man when his mighty intellect conceived the influences governed by chemical processes of what it means to go under the sea and breathe, taking from the air itself, and storing it for his emergency, the necessary and vital oxygen to his life, and man goes down to the bottom of the sea and makes the bottom of the sea a parking place for his commerce and his transportation—a great moment in the life of man! It was a great moment in the life of man when a humble German worker and inventor, Johann Gutenberg, conceived the idea of moveable type and carving in wood on the end of a splinter of wood a letter, and making hundreds of such letters and putting them in a case and then taking those letters and making them into words, and printing was born—a great moment in the life of man! It was a great moment in the life of man when the wizard of New Jersey dreamed of touching two wires within a vacuum surrounded by protective cover and these wires would glow and glow — a great moment in the life of man! It was a great moment when a Galileo transformed all subsequent science and drove every subsequent scientist to their knees in admiration of his courage and his genius, a great hour it was! A great hour it was when Copernicus, dissatisfied with our silly interpretations of mythological characters, when man in his ignorance and illiteracy attempted to explain the universe on the basis of his own superstitions, and it was a great hour when Copernicus transformed our whole conception of the cosmos and showed us the ceaseless rhythm, the swinging, ceaseless rhythm of the cosmos, and the Copernican theory was born, a great era it was! It was a great era when a poor boy, son of a weaver and a worker, playing upon the cobblestones of his little village by Avon, saw one day, in the flash of his genius, King Lear, McBeth, and that which you shall see, having arrived this very week in our midst, Hamlet, and Othello, the Merchant of Venice, and the mighty Henry VIII, great hour in the genius of man.

And then came this hour, a great moment, when Christianity held all of Europe from the Mediterranean to the Baltic, from the steppes of Siberia to the Pyrenees mountains, all of Europe called itself Christian. In the great Germany was the great leader and head of the Lutheran Church, Emperor Wilhelm, the Kaiser; in Britain head of the Church was George V; in Russia, head of the Church was Nicholas, the little white Father; all of Russia, all of Germany, all of Britain, while in Italy not only the King but the Holy Father; all of Europe acknowledged the PRINCE OF PEACE. What has happened, what spiritual blackout has settled down upon the world that one of those great countries where God was King now sends its pastors who stand for God and Brotherhood and Peace to the front lines first? It is an accepted fact that the leaders of the Third Reich sent their courageous colleagues of the Confessional Synod of the Churches of Germany to the front lines of Poland and they were in the first casualty lists, while another rots in a Nazi cell today, Pastor Niemoeller, a Christian! What has happened that that other beast of the North, Russia, that had its Tolstoy, it "Anna Karenina", its "War and Peace" the great philosophy of one of Europe's most beautiful Christians, Leo Tolstoy? And what has happened today that that Russia is a ghastly, materialistic, butchering, double-crossing nation, with God spit upon, Christ being crucified by power, lust, greed, avarice and beastialism? What has become of all the fine things of the human spirit? What has happened?

Ah, in the tensity and terseness of these words, which I feel more deeply than I have ever felt words in all my life, you and I, all of us, had better get on our knees again for a spiritual blackout has settled upon all of us. Campaigns of hate, campaigns of racialism, campaigns of nationalism, the deification of gold, worshipping at the altar of power, maniacs directing the destiny of nations, God forgotten! The genius, the poet, the beauty, the spirit, the light, the life of the great geniuses of the world has been blacked-out and men are taking the same chisel that Pheidias held in his hands and they are taking that same chisel and they turn it into a bayonet and sharpen its point to tear out each other's bowels! Men have taken the sky, they fly like birds with the sweep of eagles and the majesty of the dawn and sail into the face of the sun, and man has taken that and he has turned it into ghastly murder that rains out of that sky upon helpless men, women and children, until their fine brains ooze out of great shell holes from torn and twisted skulls — A SPIRITUAL BLACKOUT! The very commerce that might be used, because every nation in the world has something that every other nation needs and wants which would bring economic and industrial prosperity to civilization, and what are we doing with it, loading ships and sending them out upon the sea to be sunk, ships carrying the products of man's mighty brain to harmonize with the law of production and consumption, are sunk and the goods are rotting in the sea salt at the bottom of the sea, a colossal waste, spiritual blackout — we will pay for that! Don't think we won't pay, we will pay, while youth, the young men of the nations, the fine French lads, the German, the Russian and the British lads, just as fine as you are, young men here this morning, and there are hundreds of you here, the youth of the world that might be the progenitors of another civilization like this one, they march and march, and they wave their flags, and they play their military music, and then appeal to your pride and to your nationalism, and they make you hate others because they are not of your race, because they are not of your creed, because the shape

of their ears or the color of their hair is different than yours, or the color of their skin, and these who have the authority are robbing you of your fine energy, your fine brains and hearts, and the youth of the world is rotting today in a spiritual blackout, and I appeal to American youth, there is something that you can do about it here! There is still time in America; there is not time in Europe, there is not time in Germany, in Britain, in France, in Russia, the die has been cast, but there is time in America, and if I read the signs aright, the portents of tomorrow, America! American citizens, American youth, all of us must be the custodians of light and love and faith and hope, and who knows but what God Almighty, there in the chancellery of the human soul, may be depending now upon America to stop the blackout of the world by its example, its love, its co-operation, its sympathy, its understanding — perhaps that's God's plan for this age! If it is, are you ready, am I ready to say to every force, to say to every power, to say to every propagandist, to say to every Communist, to every individual that would add to the spiritual darkness of our land 'Light! Give us Light! You have only brought blackness and despair!'

The great Goethe died with these words on his lips 'mehr licht!' Let America live with these words in its heart, 'More Light!' then the spiritual blackout will never, never be so black but that we will find that far off harbor of our destiny."

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK LECTURES

Every seat in the Church auditorium was filled for the first Book Lecture of the current season, and for the second one as many were turned away that could not get in as the crowd that did manage to get inside. Not only the Church was filled to capacity, but Channing Hall also was filled. Fortunately the RCA loud speaker makes it possible for those seated in Channing Hall to hear just as well as tho they were in the Church. It is very gratifying to Dr. Bradley to find people as keenly interested in these literary discussions as in former years, and he hopes it will continue throughout the season. It is greatly to be regretted that he must hurry away to his WBBM broadcast as soon as the lecture is over, as this prevents him from greeting and chatting with those of his audience who remain to speak to him. He used to enjoy that quarter hour meeting friends, specially authors and book people, publishers, etc.

The books Dr. Bradley will review for December are:

Dec. 6, "The Nazarene"—Sholem Asch.

Dec. 13, "Dr. Hudson's Secret Journal"—Lloyd C. Douglas.

Dec. 20, "The Sister of the Angels"—Elizabeth Coudge.

Dec. 27, "Maud" by Herself.

May we say for those who may not be familiar with our Wednesday evening Book Lectures, that they begin promptly at 8:00 P.M. and close exactly at 9:00 o'clock. All seats are free.

NEW WOMAN'S CLUB ORGANIZED

On the evening of Oct. 31 to a response of the announcement by Dr. Bradley, via radio, that a Professional and Business Woman's Club was to be organized, over one hundred interested women were present at the first meeting. Dr. Bradley gave many valuable suggestions, emphasizing the need of such an organization, thus afford-

ing an opportunity to those employed during the day, to take part in the Club life of the Church.

The second meeting was held Nov. 13, attendance testing the capacity of Bradley Hall. Officers were elected, and questionnaires prepared by Mr. Edward Redman, our Field Worker, were checked by those present, in order to assist the officers in the organization plan, naming of committees, etc. Free and open discussion followed.

Officers elected were:
Ethel E. Smalley, President
Mary Hibbard, Vice President
Gladys Thorrell, Secretary
Alice Pearson, Treasurer
The name chosen—Professional and Business Woman's Club of The Peoples Church.

The aim will be not only that of fellowship and social value, but to possess a spirit of helpfulness and co-operation toward the other organizations and the community as well, determining definite plans for the unemployment situation, and public welfare needs in the growth and further development of the Club.

Membership in the Church is not a requisite for joining the Club and all interested in the plan are cordially invited to attend. Come into our midst and feel free to express your ideas. Announcement will be made from the pulpit of future meetings.

A. M. T.

THE MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club of the Church have opened their season most auspiciously. The opening meeting was the fourth Monday of October at which Dr. Preston Bradley gave a most interesting Travel Lecture on his trip to Hudson Bay this past summer. Channing Hall was packed and many men were standing. The Club has a paid-up membership now of more than 500 members and is looking forward to a very active and interesting winter.

On the fourth Monday of November, Reverend Donald Harrington, minister of the Peoples Liberal Church, gave a most illuminating lecture on "I Have Just Seen Europe." Mr. Harrington is just beginning his work in Chicago after being graduated from the Meadville School. He won the Croft's Traveling Fellowship which meant a year of study for him in Europe. He was in Czecho Slovakia, Transylvania, and other countries on the continent during the critical times.

The Men's Club is open to all men interested in the work of the Church. Radio listeners are also welcome to unite with the Club. The Church Office will gladly furnish information about details and programs. The Club meets the fourth Monday evening of every month during the winter season.

THE USHER'S CLUB

Our Ushers Club is composed of fifty members, all men who assist in the difficult work of ushering at the Church. They are the most loyal and hard-working group to be found in the Church. Three times every week all winter long they are at their work. The large Sunday evening and Wednesday evening congregations make it a very difficult task, and yet our ushers have it so systematized that the work is done with a minimum of friction; their chief difficulty is in convincing people that they speak the truth when they tell them there are no more seats. Everyone told that seems to think that it is not true and insist on trying to get into the Church. We have had the largest congregations this Fall at all

the services that we have ever had, and the work of the ushers is very much appreciated by all.

Last Friday evening, November 17th, the Ushers' Club presented one of their faithful workers, Mr. H. R. Foster, in a Travelogue with fine colored moving pictures of the Grand Canyon and several other scenic spots in the West. Over 400 attended and it was one of the most successful affairs the Ushers' Club ever put on. They will give other programs during the winter and merit the wholehearted response of the congregation.

Mr. W. M. Cooke, the President, is very anxious to increase the staff of ushers, and any man in the congregation who can serve will kindly get in touch with him at any service.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

For the first time in the history of The Peoples Church, we are going to introduce a new service this year. The last day of the old year is Sunday; New Year's Eve will be Sunday evening. On that evening, the evening of December 31st, we are going to have two services, one at 7:30 P.M., the regular Sunday evening service, and the other at 11:00 o'clock which will be a "Watch Night" service. We will have a program of music, I will give an address, and just as the old year dies and the new one is born our organist will strike 12 on the chimes of our great organ and the congregation will stand and sing "Auld Lang Syne" and depart. There can be no finer way to close the old year and to begin the new than by attending a "Watch Night" service.

Will you kindly bear this preliminary announcement in mind and plan to attend this our first "Watch Night" service?

Your pastor,
Preston Bradley.

Funerals

October

18—Mrs. Emma Hiemke, Interment, Milwaukee Wis.
20—Mrs. Wm. Olsen. Interment, Graceland.
25—Percy Scott. Interment, Graceland.

November

1—P. E. Hill. Cremation.
1—Henry C. Peters. Interment, Acacia Park.
3—Erwin Dabe. Interment, Acacia Park.
4—Opie Read. Interment, Oakwoods.
6—Simon A. Smith. Interment, Forest Home.
8—Mrs. Adele Liebert. Interment, Memorial Park, Milwaukee, Wis.
9—Mrs. Minnie Young Hansen. Interment, Mt. Olive.
15—Mrs. Vernie Hollis. Interment, Graceland.

Weddings

October

29—Leo A. Steffens and May Crause.

November

11—Edward W. Smith and Marcella L. Adler.
11—Daniel Haseltine and Olive L. Henning.
11—Frank R. Blake and Dorothy M. Egan.
15—John Philip Jorgensen and Margaret Bensley.
15—Harold Breyman and Virginia L. Walker.

Christenings

October

22—Allen Chirpe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence I Chirpe.

November

12—Shirley Ann Krueger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krueger.

12—Carolyn Helen Mendyk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mendyk.

12—James Howard Warning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wm. Warning.

12—Robert Earl MacCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert MacCoy.

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Doctor Bradley Kept the Following Engagements During the Month Ending November 15th, 1939

October

16—Meeting, Education Council.

17—Address, Nat'l. Ass'n. of Public School Officials, Cincinnati, Ohio.

18—Radio Address, WBBM.

19—Meeting, Chicago Public Library.
Address, Friends of Literature.
Radio Address, WBBM.

20—Meeting, Anti-Defamation League.

21—Address, Author's Reception, Marshall Field & Co.

22—Service, Peoples Church.
Service, Ordination, Peoples Liberal Church.

23—Address, Men's Club, Peoples Church.

24—Address, Banquet, Gary Bar Ass'n., Gary, Indiana.

25—Radio Address, WBBM.

26—Radio Address, WBBM.
Address, Drama League Luncheon.

29—Service, Peoples Church.
Service, Central Christian Church, Gary, Indiana.

30—Address, 19th Century Club, Dowagiac, Michigan.

31—Address, LaGrange Woman's Club, LaGrange, Ill.

31—Address, Business and Professional Women's Club, Peoples Church.

November

1—Opening Book Lecture, Peoples Church.
Radio Address, WBBM.

2—Address, Wisc. Ass'n. of Vocational and Adult Education, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Radio Address, WBBM.

3—Address, Gamma Chapter, Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity.

4—Meeting, Chicago Public Library Board.
Address, Luncheon of Am. Radio Broadcasters' Ass'n.

5—Service, Peoples Church.
Address, New Trier Sunday Evening Club.

6—Address, Skal Club of Chicago.
Address, B'nai B'rith.

7—Address, Logan-Howard Parent-Teacher Ass'n.

8—Book Lecture, Peoples Church.
Radio Address, Broadcast and Forum, WBBM.

9—Address, Lakeview High School Students' Forum.
Meeting, Ushers' Club, Peoples Church.
Radio Address, WBBM.

10—Meeting, Board of Trustees, Peoples Church.

12—Two services, Peoples Church.

13—Address, Chicago Club for Crippled Children.
Symposium, B'Nai B'rith Lodge, East Chicago, Ind.

14—Address, B'Nai B'rith, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

15—Book Lecture, Peoples Church.
Radio Address, Broadcast and Forum, WBBM.

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